New Law to contain Naxalism

841. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalite activities have increased in many parts of the country;

(b) whether such incidents have increased after repeal of Prevention of Terrorism Act;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for a special law to curb naxalite activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The overall quantum of naxal violence decreased by 4% in 2004 compared to 2003. However, naxalities are spreading their influence to newer areas and there is an upward trend in naxal activities in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Maharashtra.

(c) to (e) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2004 was enacted incorporating their in the provisions considered necessary to deal with various facets of terrorism. The CPML-PW and the MCCI and their front organizations continue to be banned under this Act.

Salaries drawn during suspension period in MCD

842. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 1000 employees of Municipal Corporation of Delhi who are under suspension and are facing inquiries following their involvement in illegal activities and corruption, are still drawing salaries;

(b) if so, what is the precise number of such employees at present; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any decision for the stoppage of their salaries during the period of their suspension and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) 229 officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, presently under suspension due to their involvement in the cases initiated by the Central Bureau of Investigation, anti-Corruption Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Delhi Police, are being paid subsistence allowance as per rules.